

(vehicular cherry pickers) that are different from the mobile computer workstation claimed by applicants. In other words, Applicants' claims should not be misinterpreted to cover the motor vehicles shown in the newly cited art. Nevertheless, applicants have amended the claims to avoid any possibility of them being misread onto what is shown in the newly cited references. With regard to Eitel, applicants have amended independent claims 1, 6, 10 and 17 to make it clear that the second arm is oriented at a fixed acute angle with respect to a vertical line passing through the base. Eitel, on the other hand, only teaches a vehicular cherry picker with a second arm that is able to pivot with respect to the base vehicle. Thus, since applicants' claims to a mobile computer workstation can no longer be misread onto the vehicular cherry picker reference of Eitel, applicants respectfully request that the outstanding §102(b) rejections against claims 1, 4, 6, 9, 10, 12, 13 and 15 be withdrawn.

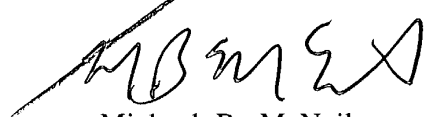
Regarding Markin et al., all of applicants independent claims have been amended to make it clear that the second arm is attached to a base supported by at least three attached rotatable members. No proper interpretation of applicants' amended claims can be read onto anything disclosed in the Markin et al. reference. Regardless of whether Markin et al. is interpreted to disclose a base with two attached wheels and an arm with a third wheel, or a base with three attached wheels but including no second arm, none of applicants claims can be read onto either interpretation of Markin et al. Therefore, applicants respectfully request that the outstanding §102(b) rejections against claims 1 and 3-7 based upon Markin et al. be withdrawn.

With regard to the §103 rejections, Eitel can only properly be interpreted as teaching toward a second arm that is pivotable to a

stowed position so that the vehicle can travel from one location to another. With regard to Markin et al., it flatly states that "[A]nother important objective of the invention is to provide a vehicle that is supported by two hydraulically driven wheels and a swivel wheel". As stated earlier, Markin et al. can be interpreted two ways. It could be argued to show a base with two attached wheels and a second arm with an attached swivel wheel. Alternatively, and more properly, Markin et al. shows a base with three attached wheels but no second arm that is a separate feature apart from the base. In other words, the thing identified as Markin et al.'s "second arm" can only properly be interpreted as part of its base because it has a wheel attached thereto. Thus, individually and/or combined, the cited references teach away from applicants' claimed invention. Therefore, applicants respectfully request that the outstanding §103 rejections be withdrawn.

In view of the amending changes made and arguments submitted, this application is believed to be in condition for allowance of claims 1 and 3-20. However, if the examiner believes that some minor additional clarification would put the case in even better condition for allowance, she is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at (812) 333-5355 in order to hasten the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX

MARKED-UP AMENDED CLAIMS

1. (Amended) A vertically adjustable mobile computer workstation comprising:

- a first arm having an upper end and a lower end;
- at least one platform being attached to said upper end of said first arm;
- a second arm having an upper end and a lower end;
- said lower end of said first arm and said upper end of said second arm being hingedly attached;
- said lower end of said second arm being attached to a base supported by [a plurality of] at least three attached rotatable members;
- a line passing through a center of said upper end of said second arm and a center of said lower end of said second arm being oriented at [an] a fixed acute angle, greater than zero, with respect to a vertical line passing through said base; and
- said first arm being rotatable between a first angular position in which said at least one platform is positioned a first distance above said rotatable members and a second angular position in which said at least one platform is positioned a second distance above said rotatable members that is greater than said first distance.

6. A vertically adjustable mobile computer workstation comprising:

- a first arm having an upper end and a lower end;
- at least one platform being attached to said upper end of said first arm;

a second arm having an upper end and a lower end;

said lower end of said first arm and said upper end of said second arm being hingedly attached;

said lower end of said second arm being attached in a fixed orientation to a base supported by [a plurality of] at least three attached rotatable members;

said first arm being rotatable between a first angular position in which said at least one platform is positioned a first distance above said rotatable members and a second angular position in which said at least one platform is positioned a second distance above said rotatable members that is greater than said first distance; and

said at least one platform is closer to a vertical line passing through a center of said base when said first arm is at said second angular position than when said first arm is at said first angular position.

10. A vertically adjustable mobile computer workstation comprising:

a first arm having an upper end and a lower end;

at least one platform being attached to said upper end of said first arm;

a computer input device and a computer output device being supported by said at least one platform;

a second arm having an upper end and a lower end;

said lower end of said first arm and said upper end of said second arm being hingedly attached;

said lower end of said second arm being attached to a base supported by [a plurality of] at least three attached rotatable members;

a line passing through a center of said upper end of said second arm and a center of said lower end of said second arm being oriented at [an] a fixed acute angle, greater than zero, with respect to a vertical line passing through said base; and

said first arm being rotatable between a first angular position in which said at least one platform is positioned a first distance above said rotatable members and a second angular position in which said at least one platform is positioned a second distance above said rotatable members that is greater than said first distance.

17. A vertically adjustable mobile computer workstation comprising:

a first arm having an upper end and a lower end;

at least one platform being attached to said upper end of said first arm;

a computer input device and a computer output device being supported by said at least one platform;

a second arm having an upper end and a lower end;

said lower end of said first arm and said upper end of said second arm being hingedly attached;

said lower end of said second arm being attached to a base supported by [a plurality of] at least three attached rotatable members;

a neutral support stop mechanism operably coupled between said first arm and said second arm;

a line passing through a center of said upper end of said second arm and a center of said lower end of said second arm being oriented at [an] a fixed acute angle, greater than zero, with respect to a vertical line passing through said base; and

said first arm being rotatable between a first angular position in which said at least one platform is positioned a first distance above said rotatable members and a second angular position in which said at least one platform is positioned a second distance above said rotatable members that is greater than said first distance.